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Applicant: James A. Belmont

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Application No.: 09/672,328

Examiner: Oh, Taylor V.

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For: **MODIFIED PIGMENTS HAVING STERIC AND AMPHIPHILIC GROUPS**

**Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.